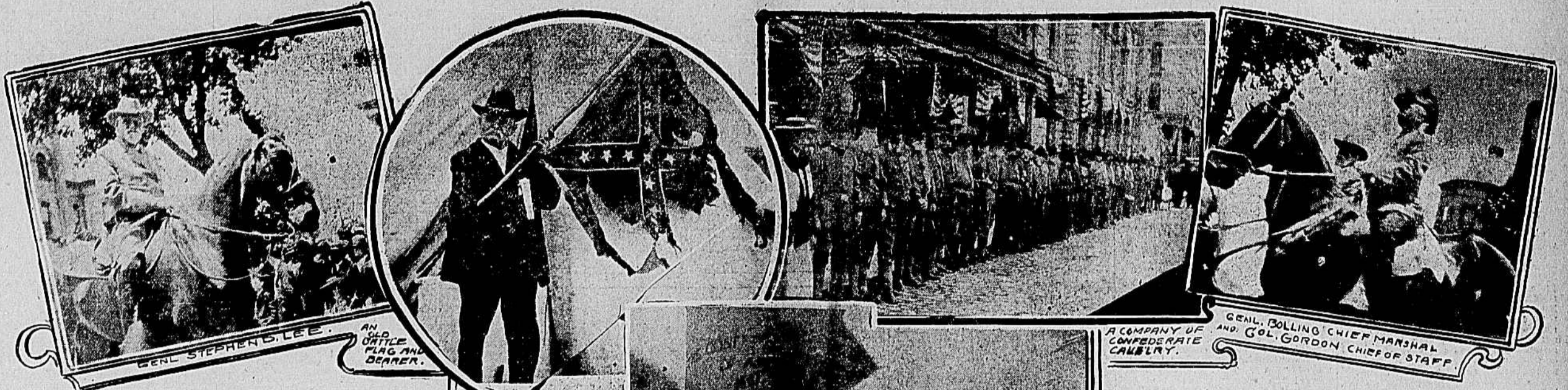


Reunion Ends With Grand Parade and Unveiling of Davis Monument



Entire South Pays Tribute to Memory of Davis

Over Hundred Thousand People Assemble at Monument to First and Only President of Confederate States.

GRAND PARADE MOST IMPOSING EVER WITNESSED IN RICHMOND

Famous Men and Women From Many Sections of Country Present--Notable Addresses Delivered. Stirring Scenes on Last Day of Reunion.

Despite the cold and inclement weather, which for two days threatened to upset the plans for the unveiling of the monument to President Davis, yesterday's sunshine played its happy part in making the occasion the greatest ever known in the State of Virginia, or indeed in the whole South. As on Thursday, when the statue of General J. E. B. Stuart, the peerless cavalry leader, was unveiled, nature seemed to rejoice in paying a tribute to the great President of the Confederacy, the man whose noble humiliation and whose steadfastness of purpose stands to-day a monument in the hearts of every true son and daughter of the South, the emblem of those martyred principles for which the Lost Cause suffered.

GREAT OUTPOURING OF PEOPLE.

Such an outpouring of people has never before been seen at any gathering of veterans at any unveiling of monuments, at any burial of Confederate heroes, for as an old one-legged soldier expressed it, "We each loved our own commander, but Jeff Davis belongs to the whole Confederacy." It was that feeling of loyalty to the representative of the "Lost Cause," of love and affection for the man who suffered in his countrymen's stead, that strengthened many a man and woman to make the sacred pilgrimage to the old capital of the Confederacy and to take a part in the service of honor for the man who sacrificed his life to duty.

From the old Capitol Building to the monument, three miles away, a solid wall of people, four and five and in some places ten deep, lined the streets along which the procession slowly passed. Cheers and "rebel" yells marked the passage of the veterans, while the names of well-known soldiers shouted aloud, brought a thrill like the touch of an old-time friend.

Never before has there been such enthusiasm, never have there been displayed such a warm bond of blood and patriotism, never have those of a younger generation entered so closely into the spirit of the trying days of two-score years and more.

The occasion was a vindication of President Davis, an utter rout for the army of slanderers, and above all, a noble tribute to the memory of the "Lost Cause."

GRAND PARADE TO MONUMENT.

Along streets profusely decorated with flags and colors, cheered by not fewer than 200,000 people, and to the inspiring music of "My Maryland" and "The Bonnie Blue Flag," marched 1,200 veterans and sons of those who bore arms in the army and navy of the Confederacy.

Old men marched like boys, forgetting the lapse of years since Appomattox, but full of the strength of loyalty to the Stars and Bars.

An aged, gray-clad man, bent and weary, hobbling home, exclaimed with a great sigh: "I was a boy again while the march lasted, but now that it's over, I'm an old broken man, ready to die."

Some idea of the number of men in the parade will be gathered from the fact that it took exactly two hours and seven minutes for the line of march to pass.

In the parade were many distinguished leaders, who were cheered to the echo. There was General Stephen D. Lee, with his old chief of staff, Colonel William Elliott; General Lomax, with General Eppa Hunton; General Gordon, General Logan, General Clement Evans, General Cox, General Smith Bolling, General Walker, General Julian Carr, Chaplain-General J. William Jones, "the fighting parson"; General Theodore Garnett, Colonel W. Gordon McCabe, Colonel Archer Anderson, Colonel Joseph Bryan, Colonel Chew and hundreds of others who received ovations.

No commands attracted more attention than did the Tennessee veterans, who marched with rifles and in their old war-time uniform, and the crack Fifth Regiment from Maryland.

At the monument the crowd was so dense that it was little short of marvelous that the excellent police force was able to control the throng. General Stephen D. Lee, an expert in estimating crowds from his wide experience in the army, declared that not less than 125,000 persons witnessed the unveiling, and from the roar of applause it would seem that he had underestimated the audience.

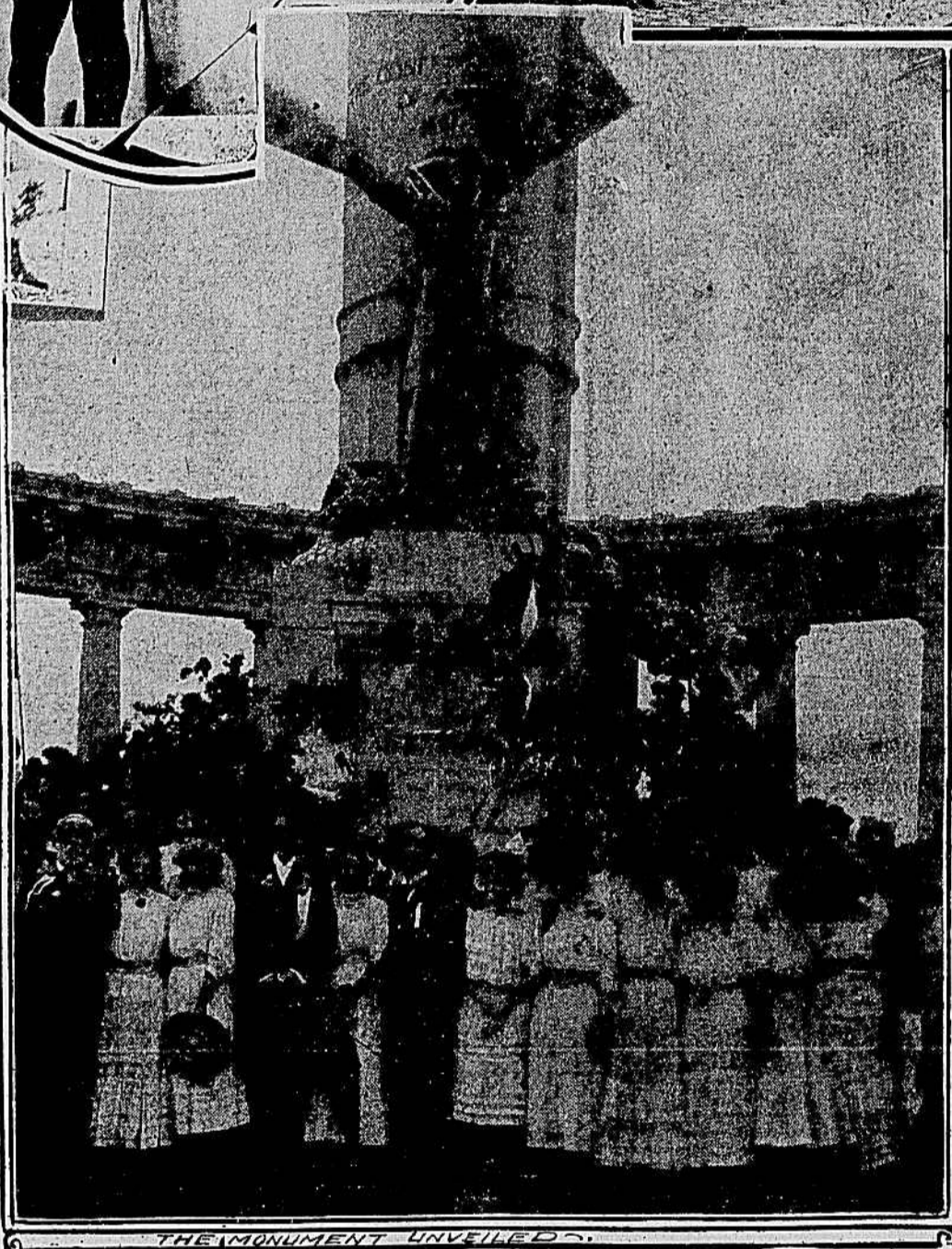
On the stand was perhaps the most notable gathering of Confederate women ever assembled at an unveiling, for just behind General Lee sat Mrs. Hayes, daughter of President Davis; Miss Mary Custis Lee, Mrs. Stonewall Jackson, Mrs. A. P. Hill, Mrs. William Mahone, Mrs. J. E. B. Stuart, Mrs. W. H. F. Lee, Mrs. John R. Cooke, Miss Nannie Heath, Mrs. Magill, Mrs. William R. Cox, Mrs. Lomax, Mrs. Logan and many others equally distinguished.

These ladies received a warm welcome from the vast audience, Mrs. Hayes receiving as her due, the largest share. Notable in the parade and on the stand were Colonel and Mrs. William Jennings Bryan, who were honored by their admirers; Governor and Miss Warfield, of Maryland; Senator John W. Daniel, Senator Carmack, of Tennessee; Mr. Justice Brewer, of the United States Supreme Court, and Dr. Thomas Nelson Page, whose pen has done so much in vindication of the South.

NOTABLE ADDRESSES MADE.

Governor Swanson made a great speech, punctuated by the boom of fireworks, which, however, were powerless to distract attention from his ringing words. In presenting His Excellency, General Lee was most happy. "I present to you the glorious Governor of this glorious Old Dominion," he said, and amid the waving of many flags Governor Swanson told in impassioned words of the loyalty of Virginia to the Confederacy. General Evans

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General Lee's Comment on Richmond Reunion.

"From the beginning to the end of the reunion, notwithstanding the very inclement weather during at least half the period, it is beyond doubt the most successful reunion of the United Confederate organization. * * * I need not say that the warm comradeship and fellowship shown me by my comrades who have attended the reunion have touched my heart."—General Stephen D. Lee.

NO POLITICS AT REUNION, HE SAYS

General Lee Rebukes Crowd and Colonel Bryan Strongly Commends His Stand.

That the Confederate reunions have no part or place in politics, and that the sacred character of the gatherings of the United Confederate Veterans will not be departed from, was emphasized in no uncertain manner when on yesterday General Stephen D. Lee, commander-in-chief, rebuked those in the immense crowd of people at the Davis Monument unveiling, who called loudly for William Jennings Bryan to speak. "No! No!" exclaimed the ladies representing the Confederate associations, seated on the platform.

General Lee, rising, cried out: "No politics on this occasion," and introducing Mrs. Hayes, led the minds of the vast audience back to thoughts of the Confederacy.

That the cries for "Bryan" were as great a surprise to the great Nebraska senator as to the officers of the reunion was evident to all who witnessed the incident, for Colonel Bryan, with Mrs. Bryan, had attended the ceremonies simply as a guest, and had taken a seat on the platform with the other visitors gathered to do honor to the memory of President Davis. In the procession he and Mrs. Bryan occupied a carriage by themselves, and the

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ALARMING RUMORS REACH WALL STREET

Names of Three Stock Exchange Houses Connected With Reports.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] NEW YORK, June 2.—Gloomy rumors favored Wall Street to-day. Stories of impending trouble in London, Paris and New York were circulated, and when the Stock Exchange clearing house sheets passed through without a suspension, surprise was expressed.

Rumor-mongers were busy with the names of three Stock Exchange houses familiar to investors and speculators throughout the country. One of the houses mentioned is one of the oldest established firms on the exchange. It has been heavily interested in industrial securities. These stories were generally scoffed by bankers, but they admitted that at least one of the firms mentioned might go into liquidation following the example of Cates & Co., not as the result of the speculative losses, but because business is at a low ebb in Wall Street and the partners have independent fortunes.

According to one financial authority, there was a good deal of liquidation for the account of firms which have large syndicate commitments, and are lightening their loads by throwing over salable stocks. London sold more

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DECKER CONFESSES ROBBERY AND ARSON

Agent of Express Company at Old Point Uses Fire to Conceal Crime.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] NEWPORT NEWS, Va., June 2.—Short in his accounts, and expecting the arrival of an auditor of his company, George P. Decker, agent for the United States Express Company at Old Point Comfort, this morning robbed the safe in his office and set fire to the government pier on which the office was located. In a few minutes the pier-house was enveloped in flames, and the booming of fire alarm guns called out a large detachment of soldiers. All efforts to save the pier-house or any part of its contents were in vain, and when daylight came only the pier itself was standing, and a pile of smoking debris marked where the offices of the Adams Express Company, United States Express Company, Old Bay Line, New Bay Line, Baltimore Steamship Company, Old Dominion Steamship Company and other lines had stood. All books and papers, large quantities of freight and express and other valuable property were destroyed, and at this time it is impossible to estimate the loss. The building itself was worth only a few thousand dollars.

Decker was suspected, and about noon Chief Detective Bradford, who was sent here by the Secret Service

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Reunion at End; Veterans Leave On Every Train

Closing Scenes Among the Most Interesting of Them All--Many Minor Celebrations Held in Streets Last Night.

ALL ENTHUSIASTIC IN PRAISE OF MANAGEMENT OF GREAT EVENTS

Ball at Masonic Temple Last Night, Serenade to Mrs. "Stonewall" Jackson at Jefferson Hotel and Display of Fireworks at Idlewood.

The greatest reunion in the history of the United Confederate Veterans came to a triumphal and brilliant close last night. There have, perhaps, been occasions when Richmond had as its guests a larger number of the volunteer military organizations of this State and of the South generally, but never a reunion, a monument unveiling or any other commemoration which attracted to the city such an assemblage of Confederate veterans from all parts of the South. And this, too, despite the fact that death is annually decimating the fast-withering column of those who won renown in the pathway of duty and of loyalty to their State.

WEATHER ONLY DISAGREEABLE FEATURE.

But one thing marred the entire success and the universal enjoyment of the occasion, and that was the inclement weather of Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Fortunately, however, the days set apart for the two great events of the five days' reunion, the unveiling of the monuments to Stuart and Davis, were ideal for the outdoor exercises, and the magnificent street pageants which were features of the great assembling of the veterans. The veterans thoroughly enjoyed both grand parades, and bore the exertion incident to them with a fortitude and endurance hardly to be expected even of them.

There have been occasions when more prominent generals of the Confederacy have honored the city with their presence, but that was years ago, and death has since claimed most of these. Of the living generals the greater number were mingling with their old soldiers in an affectionate association which only soldiers surviving the stress of war and nearly half a century of the struggle of life under adverse conditions. Hundreds of men hardly less distinguished than those who attained high command were here, and thousands who rendered faithful and arduous service.

SCENES ON LAST DAY OF REUNION.

The last of the five days of the reunion came to a close with midnight, though many prolonged it far into the morning. After the parade and the exertion required all were worn out, apparently, but dinner, a bit of rest and the realization that old associations temporarily renewed after long separation were about to be sundered again, and in all probability forever, strengthened the old soldiers to see it out, and they did to the last.

Many congenial parties dined together and talked over the day and the past, and spoke of the future, which to all inevitably means uncertainty of again meeting. They sat in the hotel lobbies, or met and chatted and sang, and told stories in groups on the pavements; they visited points of interest and in various ways scattered throughout the city and its suburbs. Every trolley car on every line bore its quota of gray-coated, gray-bearded warriors. Old friends who had not seen each other before during the five days, met and greeted each other affectionately, and many who arrived yesterday were busy meeting their old comrades. All the afternoon bands were marching and playing, and uniformed men departing on every train, but the number leaving was not appreciable in the mass remaining.

GREAT CROWD SEES FIREWORKS.

It had been planned that a grand final rally with speeches, music and enthusiasm would be had at the Horse Show Building, where the convention held its sessions, but for some unannounced reason this was abandoned, and the veterans spent the evening resting in their temporary homes, in the hotel lobbies and on the streets, or making their preparations for departure, many to far distant homes. Instead of the rally at the Horse Show Building, the pyrotechnic display at the Reservoir park proved an attraction to tens of thousands of visitors and citizens, and this was the objective point of most of the strangers remaining in the city. Not a few took advantage of the opportunity again to hear Hon. William Jennings Bryan at the Auditorium, but the vast majority of those who went out at all turned their faces toward the Reservoir, and every car arriving there from 7 until after 9:30 P. M. was loaded beyond the point of comfort. Probably 35,000 people, and many say 40,000, were gathered at the Reservoir or at Idlewood adjoining the park. These all enjoyed the luxury of a clear and pleasant evening and the novelty to many of fireworks.

The serenade to Mrs. Jackson at the Jefferson Hotel, which developed into a concert, proved a delight to hundreds of the veterans and to practically all of the ladies, and the music by the historic Stonewall Brigade Band was a source of rare pleasure to all who could secure standing room. A german, given in honor of the sponsors and maids and the fair visitors generally at the Masonic Temple last night, was another notable social feature of the last day. Many a happy maiden forgot her weariness and danced the reunion of 1907 into the past.

Long after the various attractions at the theatres, at the Reservoir Park, the Auditorium and elsewhere had closed, the old soldiers met in groups and throngs and lingered in fraternal, not to say loving, association, as those loath to break the tie that has bound man to man all these years. Before midnight hundreds had made their preparations for departure, had packed their baggage, discarded until another reunion the faded coat of gray and don the sober garb of the civilian. Every departing train carried squads, companies and battalions. Most of the visiting military and bands left in the afternoon or early evening, and by to-day many of the veterans will be on their way to their various homes.

MOST MEMORABLE OF THEM ALL.

The universal sentiment is that there has never been such a magnificent and thoroughly enjoyable reunion, notwithstanding the unpropitious weather conditions. On every side, expressions of enjoyment of their stay in Richmond, of gratitude to its hospitable citizens and of appreciation